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	10/721,431	JANAKIRAMAN ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 October 2006.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is in response to the communication filed on October 10, 2006.
2. Claims 1-21 are pending in this action. Claims 1, 7, 8, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 have been amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Waihel (US 2003/0164819).

As per claim 1, Waihel teaches, "a method in a portable device for transliterating text", the method comprising:

"generating an image of the text using a camera function in the portable device" (Fig. 2, element 103);

"sending the image with an identification of source language and a target language to a transliteration service using a wireless communications link" (Paragraphs 0030-0032);

“receiving response from the transliteration service, wherein the response contains a transliteration of the text in the target language and wherein the transliteration contains a phonetic pronunciation used to pronounce the text in the source language using characters in the target language” (Paragraph 0040, particularly –a visual display of a translation sign together with a synthetically generated pronunciation of the original sign); and
“presenting the transliteration” (Paragraph 0040).

As per claim 2, Waihel teaches, “presenting the transliteration on a display the portable device” (Fig. 2, element 102).

As per claim 4, Waihel teaches, “wherein the transliteration service is located on a server on an Internet” (Paragraph 0031).

As per claim 5, Waihel teaches, “wherein the portable device is selected from one a mobile phone, a personal digital assistant, and a table personal computer” (Paragraph 0031).

As per claim 6, Waihel teaches, “wherein the wireless communications link has a protocol using at least one of code division multiple access, time division multiple access, Blue Tooth, I.E.E.E. 802.11b, and I.E.E.E. 802.11g” (Paragraph 0026).

As per claims 7-9, 11-15 and 17-21, they are interpreted and thus rejected for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-6.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 3, 10 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Waihel as applied to claims 1, 8 and 14 above, and further in view of well-known prior art.

As per claim 3, 10 and 16, Waihel does not explicitly teach a text speech conversion process. Official Notice is taken on a well-known text to speech conversion process. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use a text to speech converter in the Waihel's synthetically generated pronounce process because that provides pronunciation in a conventional way easily.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Contact Information

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Abul K. Azad** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-7599**. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Richemond Dorvil**, can be reached at **(571) 272-7602**.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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